To ensure effectual supervision he may be given an Assistant.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 23. Elementary Education.

Summary of discussion.—Better provision may be made for free and compulsory elementary education. The usual school hours are inconvenient for raiyats and the poorer classes; hence night schools should be established on a large scale; also night Industrial Schools.

Mr. C. Sreenivasa Rao of Chikmagalur opposed the proposal for the enforcement by Government of compulsory education, which is a matter to be left to popular opinion.

Reply of Government.—It is too early yet to make Education compulsory by Legislation. Equally premature is the suggestion to have Industrial schools in villages and Taluks. Education is free in Hobli Schools and the fee levied in Taluk Schools is almost nominal. The Government is doing as much as possible for the promotion and expansion of elementary education; liberal grants-in-aid are made to night schools established for day-labourers.

Subject No. 24. Establishment of Sanskrit Schools.

Summary of discussion.—There should at least be two Patasalas in each Taluk for imparting instruction in Sanskrit.

Reply of Government.—In 100 Schools, Sanskrit is taught along with other languages, and there are also forty purely Sanskrit Schools. More cannot be done at presen.

Public Works Department.

Subject No. 25 Railway to Chikmagalur and on to French-Rocks.

Summary of discussion.—A Railway line may be opened from Kadur to Chikmagalur and thence to French Rocks *viâ* Hassan. It may also be extended to Mangalore.

Reply of Government.—Referred to D. P. W. for consideration.

Subject No 26. Light Railways in the Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—Light Railways may be opened in the Malnad parts.

Reply of Government.—Referred to D. P. W. for consideration.

Subject No. 27. Tank maintenance in the Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—As prayed for in previous years, the restoration of small irrigation works in the Malnad may be undertaken by Government.

Mr. Kesavadasiengar of Belur Taluk represented that the raiyat's obligation to do earth work in the malnad may be limited to tanks with an achkat of Rs. 100 and under the present limit of Rs. 300 being too high.

Reply of Government.—The subject is under consideration.

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Summary of discussion —Minor tanks may be repaired at Government cost without the levy of contribution in labour or money from the raiyats for earth work, &c. The pairs of both major and minor tanks may be made over the D. P. W.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

Subject No. 29.
Measurement of the annual maintenance work to river channels.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that the annual maintenance work executed to river channels may be ordered to be measured by officers not inferior in rank to Assistant Engineers, as measurement by subordinate officials is often unsatisfactory.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Representation may be made in regard to irregularities in individual cases.

Subject No. 30.
Railing to public roads.

Summary of discussion.—Roads on embankments should, where they are one or two yards above the level of the ground, be provided with wooden railings.

Reply of Government.—No general order is called for. The local Officers will do the needful wherever necessary for the safety of passengers and traffic.

Subject No. 31.
Turfing and earth work to bunds of large tanks.

Summary of discussion.—Turfing and earth work to bunds of large tanks restored to standard may be ordered to be executed by Government.

Reply of Government.—The request is inadmissible.

Subject No. 32.
Inspection lodges and travellers' bungalows.

Summary of discussion.—Inspection lodges and travellers' bungalows have only a single kitchen attached to them. They may be provided with an additional kitchen to accommodate two residents at one and the same time.

Reply of Government.—Whatever is possible is being done.

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Subject No. 33.
(a) Abolition of Khalsat on Devadaya and Brahmadaya lands.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The Khalsat leviable on Devadaya and Brahmadaya and other Inam lands may be remitted once for all.

Mr. Sivappa of Sorab said that the rates of Khalsat should be equalised in all places, if Khalsat could not be abolished together.

Mr. Venkataramaiya of Devanhalli prayed that the temporary suspension of the levy of Khalsat on temple lands should be made permanent.

(b) Remission of Khalsat on minor Inams.

(*b*) In 1897 it was said that Khalsat would be remitted if proper references of Bijavari were furnished. Such references are generally not found in the original sunnads, and it seems it was not usual to mention Bijavari in sunnads. It is therefore requested that the Khalsat may be remitted.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) *and* (*b*) The question of remitting the Khalsat on Devadaya Inam lands will be settled shortly. As regards the Khalsat on Brahmadaya Inams, the attention of the representatives is drawn to jects Nos. 2 and 111 of 1896 and 1897 respectively.

Subject No. 34.
Special prayers to avert calamities of

Summary of discussion.—Special prayers a
may be arranged for in places of worship
State to avert the calamities of the year